

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

With a developing device having a first developing sleeve for supplying developing agent to a first developing area A, and a second developing sleeve for supplying developing agent, handed from the first sleeve, to a second developing area B, the surfaces of the first developing sleeve and the second developing sleeve are subjected to roughening such that the average inter-peak distances thereof differ between the first developing sleeve and the second developing sleeve. This prevents fusion of toner due to the toner particles becoming embedded in the recesses of the coarse formations on the surface of the developing sleeves, resulting in extensive usage periods yielding high image quality.